

- (c) if so, the justification thereof; and
 (d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that as per information available with them no such admissions have been ordered during the current academic session.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Shortage of Doctors

4675. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise details of the health centres working in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;
 (b) the percentage of the health centres, out of above, which are facing the shortage of doctors/having no doctors;
 (c) whether it is a fact that doctors have not taken over their charge in the said health centres inspite of their appointment to these health centres;
 (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
 (e) whether the Government have received complaints that doctors do not join most of the primary health centres in those areas; and
 (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) District-wise details are not maintained by the Central Government.

(b) to (f) As per the information received from the State Govt. as against 3787 sanctioned posts of Medical Officers at Primary Health Centres, 1524 are yet to be filled. The vacancy position in respect of Community Health Centres is as under :

	Sanctioned	In position	Vacant
Surgeon	142	96	46
Obstetrician	144	26	118
Physician	6	4	2
Paediatrician	142	123	19

The State Government has been advised to fill up all vacant posts.

[*English*]

Blind Persons

4676. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the number of blind persons in India is highest in the world;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) the details of eyes collected by eye banks in the country during the last three years; and
 (d) the total number of blind persons who got eye sight from these banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the basis of a survey conducted in 1989, it is estimated that there are more than 12 million blind persons in the country.

(c) The details of eyes collected by Eye Banks in the country during the last three years are as under :

Year	No. of eyes collected
1992	12729
1993	12225
1994	10541

(d) The details of the total number of blind persons who got eye sight from these banks during last three years are as under :

Year	No. of blind persons benefitted (i.e. keratoplasty done)
1992	5027
1993	3587
1994	3059

Repair of N.H. in Assam

4677. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the portion of the National Highway from Bilasipara to Balbari is badly damaged during this year;
 (b) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken to repair and improve it;
 (c) whether any representation is submitted by the State Government of Assam for improving the National Highways of the State, recently; and